Claims

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for automated input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

detecting an input/output job at a consumable handling device;

reading a machine readable data located on an input/output job cover page means by a self-propelled, mobile input/output bin; and

determining an owner of the input/output job through the use of the bin.

2. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

contacting a data center of said input/output job.

3. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

scanning/monitoring said consumable handling device to detect said input/output job.

4. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printer.

5. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printing device.

6. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

outfitting said bin with a locking means.

7. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

8. The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said cover page means is further comprised of:

a banner page.

9. A method for passively automating an input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

detecting an input/output job at a consumable handling device;

contacting a self-propelled, mobile input/output bin; and

sending said bin to said consumable handling device to read a machine readable data located on a job cover page means in order to transfer said job to an owner of said job through the use of said bin.

10. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printer.

11. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printing device.

12. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

outfitting said bin with a locking means.

13. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

14. The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said cover page means is further comprised of:

a banner page.

15. A method for actively automating an input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

scanning/monitoring a consumable handling device by a self-propelled, mobile input/output bin;

detecting an input/output job at said consumable handling device by said bin; and

determining an owner of said job by reading machine readable data located on a cover page means of said job through the use of said bin.

16. The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printer.

17. The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printing device.

18. The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

outfitting said bin with a locking means.

19. The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

20. The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said cover page means is further comprised of:

a banner page.